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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Walker : Before the Examiner: T. Vu
Serial No.: 08/883,710 : Group Art Unit: 2152
Filed: June 27, 1997 :
Title: COMMUNICATION NETWORK : Intellectual Property Law
HAVING ADJUSTABLE RESPONSE : IBM Corp.
TIMEOUTS AND THE METHOD : Dept. 972/B656
THEREFOR : P.O. Box 12195
: Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 29, 2000 (Paper No. 12), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 29, 2001.

Serena Beller
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